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Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. — JOHN xv. 4.

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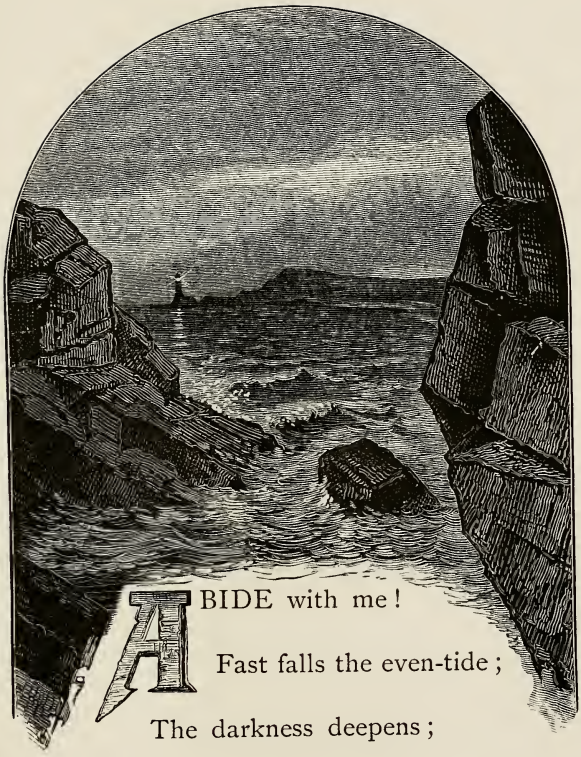

ABIDE with me!

Fast falls the even-tide;

The darkness deepens;

Lord, with me abide!

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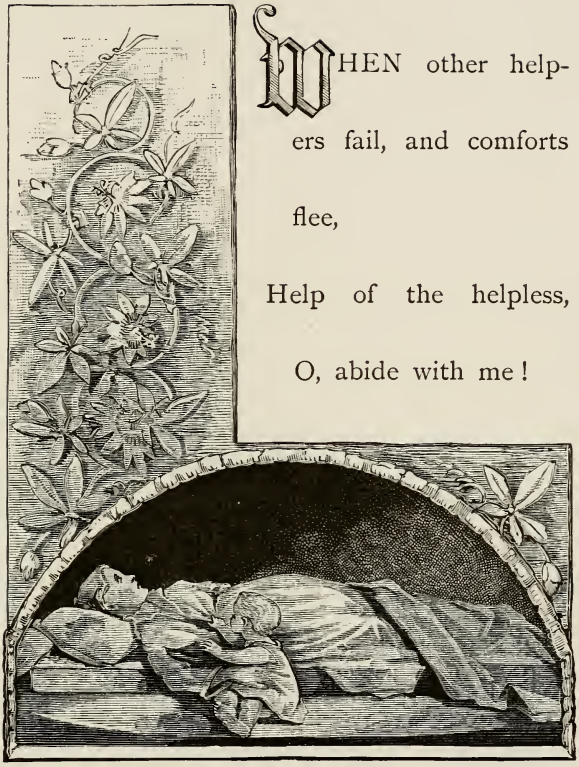

WHEN other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
O, abide with me!

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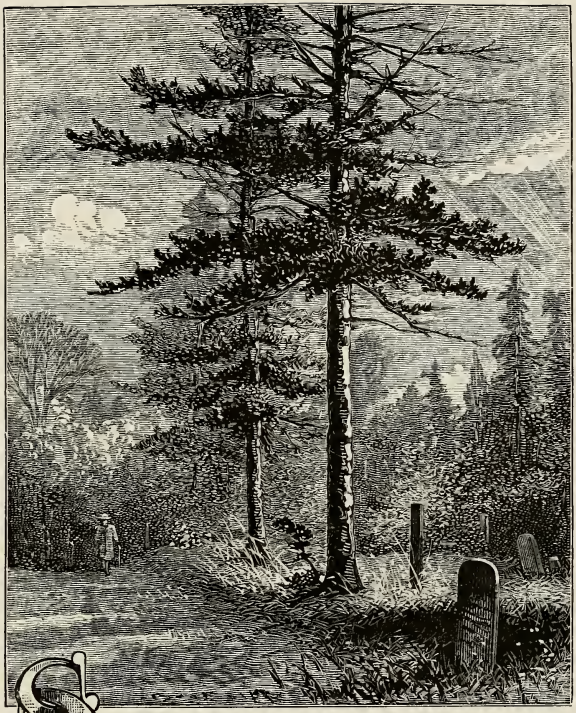

SWIFT to its close ebbs out life's little day,

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.

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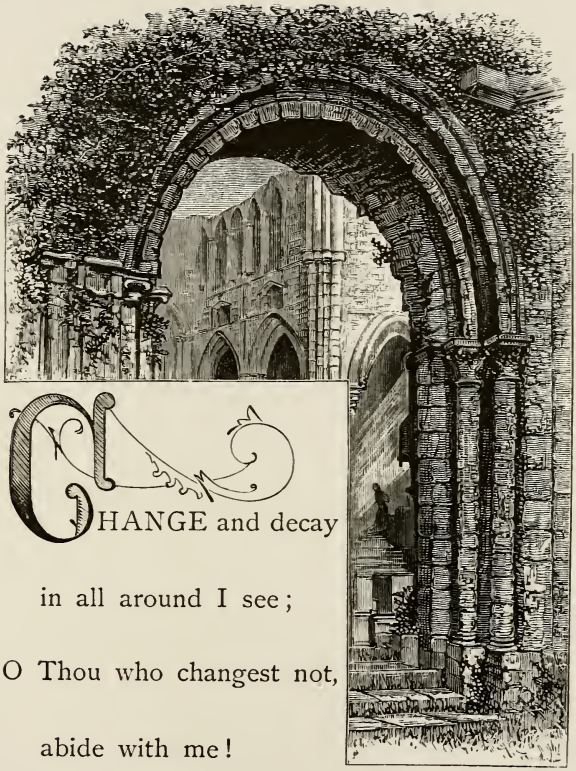

CHANGE and decay
in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not,
abide with me!

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NOT a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But, as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free, —

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Come, not to sojourn,

but abide, with me!

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COME not in terrors,
as the King of kings ;
But kind and good, with
healing in Thy wings ;
Tears for all woes,
a heart for every plea ;

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Come, Friend of sinners, and thus bide with me!

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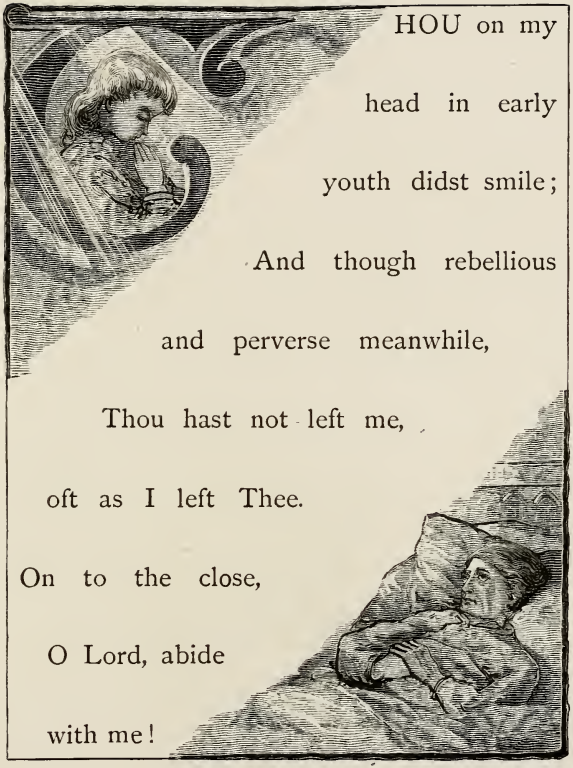
THOU on my
head in early
youth didst smile;
And though rebellious
and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
oft as I left Thee.
On to the close,
O Lord, abide
with me!

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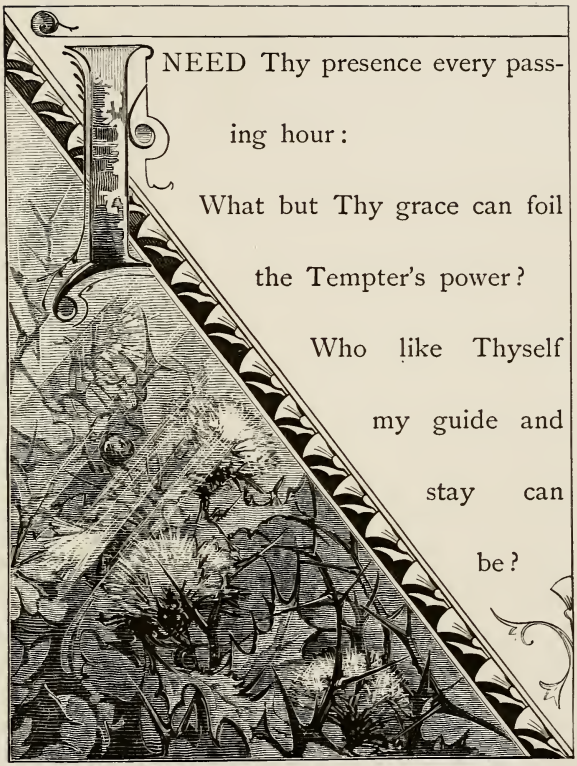

NEED Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?

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Through cloud and sunshine, O, abide with me!

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I FEAR no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:

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THERE is death's sting?

where, Grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if Thou

abide with me!

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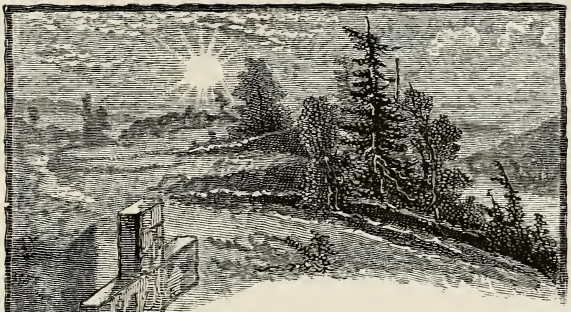

HOLD Thou thy cross before
my closing eyes!
Shine through the gloom, and
point me to the skies!
Heaven's morning breaks, and
earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, O Lord, abide with me!

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